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Introduction

This document describes the process to be followed in the selection of teams to represent NSW at the annual JFA National Championships. It is applicable to all members of the JFA (NSW) Inc.

Overview

The details are below, but put simply there is an expectation that athletes seeking to represent NSW in 2008 will:

- Medal in a minimum of 2 out of the 3 selection tournaments.
- Participate in the Technical Skills Session.
- Participate in the State Team Training Camp.
- Attend a minimum of 75% of squad training sessions.
- Complete and forward the requested information and payments within the specified time frames.
- NSW Team Coaches and Managers will coordinate the training programme, record athlete attendance and recommend athletes for inclusion on the team using the 2008 Selection Criteria.
- In the case of exceptional circumstances, the onus is on the athlete to clearly document the circumstances in writing prior to commencement of squad training so that due consideration can be given to the situation.
- Based on recommendations from the State Coaching Coordinator, the NSW BOM finalise the list of members of the State Team.

Proposed Dates

12-4-08	State Training Camp	
13-4-08	State Training Camp	
19-4-08	Technical Skills Session	
21-4-08	Squad begins	(runs for 7 weeks)
7-6-08	Nationals	
8-6-08	Nationals	
9-6-08	Nationals	

1.0 Selection Tournaments

- An athlete will be eligible for selection by gaining 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in at least 2 of the 3 selections in the weight and age category chosen to participate in the Nationals.

Selection Tournament dates for 2008 are:

25-11-2007	Judo NSW Challenge	Olympic Park Sports Halls
17-2-2008	Sydney Open Championships	Olympic Park Sports Halls
9-3-2008	NSW State Championships	Olympic Park Sports Halls

- The JFA Inc. Sporting Code will apply for all NSW selection events.
- The following Age Category restrictions will apply at all events:
 - Yonen competitors entering Shonen divisions must be 11 years old and 2nd Kyu on the day of the selection tournament. If successful in gaining state selection, they must be graded to 1st Kyu before participating in the Nationals and compete as a Shonen 3rd Kyu. (and therefore 12 years old).

Due to these younger players "growth spurts", weight categories will be agreed through discussion with player, parent (or guardian) and the relevant state coach during their squad-training period.

- Shonen competitors entering Junior Men/Women or Senior Men/Women divisions must be minimum 14 years old and 2nd Kyu on the day of the tournament.

They may also be eligible for selection to the Junior Men/Women or the Senior Men/Women divisions only if they are graded to 1st Kyu (and therefore 15 years old), or Seinen (senior) 3rd Kyu (and therefore 16 years old), by the date of the Nationals. In these cases, athletes must compete in the divisions for which they are seeking selection.

- Seeding of athletes at Selection Competitions will be the responsibility of the relevant coach or representative of the NSW Athlete Support Team for selection events.
- The Tournament Manager will oversee the process and arbitrate if necessary. If the relevant coach or representative of the NSW Athlete Support Team are not available then the Tournament Manager will take responsibility for this process.

2.0 Technical Skills Development Session

Attendance at this session is compulsory for all athletes intending to nominate for the NSW State Team. The structure of this session will be determined by the appointed State Coaches and will have a large component of competition skills development. Guest coaches may be asked to assist with these sessions.

Nomination forms, athlete agreement forms and other information will be distributed during this session.

Athlete, coach and manager photos will be taken during this session.

3.0 State Training Camp

Attendance at the training camp is compulsory for all athletes intending to nominate for the NSW State Team. The NSW Athlete Support Staff will co-ordinate the training timetable and activities for the 2008 NSW Training Camp.

Nomination forms and athlete agreement forms are to be returned during this weekend.

4.0 State Squad Sessions

- State squad sessions commence on Monday 21 April 2008.
- Squad sessions will run 3 times per week;
 - Please note, under 13 players will be required to attend at least one session per week at Junior Squad for the 7 week period leading up to the National Titles.
- To be included on the final state team for the 2008 nationals, athletes must attend a minimum of 75% of squad training sessions.
 - The 75% is in addition to the Technical Skills Session and State Training Camp which are compulsory.
 - Athletes living in NSW, outside a 100km radius of the Sydney GPO, may negotiate with the Coaching Coordinator, a suitable athlete training program, but are expected at 75% of weekend squad training sessions.
- State coaches will record athletes' attendance at squad.
- A medical certificate provided by a doctor, stating the athlete's fitness for squad training, is to be submitted to the relevant state coach by the first state squad training session attended.
- Club coaches are encouraged to attend sessions with their athletes and assist on the mat under the direction of the State Coaching Team. The State Coaching Team will be responsible for coaching NSW athletes at the National Championships.

- Injuries
 - A doctor's certificate must be provided in the event of an injury preventing full participation at state squad training sessions.
 - If an injury is substantiated, the expectation is that the athlete participates within the constraints of the injury.
 - If the state coach believes that further medical opinion is needed from the nominated medical personnel, then the player concerned shall attend at their own expense.
 - In case of injury, the attendance criteria must still be met.
- Exceptional circumstance
 - It is acknowledged that adverse situations sometimes arise that impact on training commitments. To be fair and consistent for all, it is expected that the athlete communicate the circumstance formally, prior to the commencement of squad training or at the earliest opportunity, to the State Coaching Coordinator for consideration.

4.1 Regional Based State Training

- Each country region may apply for a regional base training centre to support their athletes in preparation for the Nationals.
- The selection criteria in relation to squad training attendance must still be met by regional athletes. That is, regional athletes, even when training with regional squads, must still attend at least 75% of weekend squad training sessions with the main squad.

5.0 Administration Information

- Failure to complete or provide any requested documentation and associated fees by the due dates will result in the athlete being withdrawn from the state team.
- If an athlete has paid and then has to withdraw due to injury or exceptional circumstance prior to 10 May 2008, a full reimbursement will be provided by JFA (NSW) Inc. within a reasonable time frame.
- If an athlete has paid and has to withdraw, or fails to meet the 2008 State Selection Criteria and is withdrawn after 10 May 2008, reimbursement will be made within a reasonable time frame, minus the entry fee cost and a \$40.00 administration fee, by the JFA (NSW) Inc.
- If, via exceptional circumstance, an athlete is included in the state team after 10 May 2007, the athlete will be responsible for paying the late entry fee imposed by the JFA Inc.

6.0 Miscellaneous

- Athletes training or competing overseas will be granted exemption from NSW selection criteria 2008, for the duration of the time overseas provided that prior written permission has been sought from the State Coaching Coordinator.
- Athletes who are current senior national champions have automatic entry to the 2008 JFA Inc. National Championships.
- State Tracksuits. Only official members of the NSW team are permitted to wear the state tracksuit. Team members (athletes and officials) must wear their state tracksuits to, from and during the competition. It is mandatory that all selected players wear a current state tracksuit.
- JFA Inc. athletes from other states and territories may participate in the three selection events.
- Exemptions to the Selection Criteria are at the absolute discretion of the State Coaching Coordinator.
- The State Coaching Coordinator will submit the list of members of the state team to the NSW BOM for approval.